

REMARKS

Claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 46, 48, 63, 94, 96-98, 101-103, 106, 108, and 134-145 were previously pending in this Application before entrance of the present Amendment. Claims 1-17, 19, 23-25, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35, 39-41, 44, 45, 47, 49-62, 64-133, 139, 141, 143, and 145 are currently canceled. Claims 135-137, 140, 142, and 144 have been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner at this time. Claims 18, 26, 32, 34, 42, and 63 are currently amended. Support for the amendment to claim 18 can be found in claim 18 of the application as originally filed. As a result, claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 46, 48, 63, 134-138, 140, 142, and 144 are pending, and claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 30, 32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 46, 48, 63, 134, and 138 are pending and under consideration by the Examiner in this case. No new matter has been added to the Application by this Amendment.

Each of the rejections levied by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action is discussed in turn below.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 30-32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 46, 48, 63, 134, and 138 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for lack of enablement. Applicant has amended the claims to conform with the Applicant's election of Group I, thus obviating this rejection. Applicant respectfully requests removal of this objection under § 112.

Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner has maintained the rejection of claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 29-32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 45-48, 63, 134 and 138 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-7 of co-pending U.S. patent application, U.S.S.N. 11/884,153, filed September 23, 2008. The Examiner maintained the rejection of claims 18, 20-22, 26, 27, 29-32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 45-48, 63, 134, and 138 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 2, 4, 5, and 7 of co-pending U.S. patent application, U.S.S.N. 10/595,792, filed November 12, 2004. As these are provisional rejections, Applicant wishes to refrain from addressing these rejections until they mature into actual rejections.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, please charge any unpaid fees associated with this Response, or credit any overpayments, to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. C1271.70018US01, from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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